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Your letter of 22 May 1985 addressed to the Director has been forwarded to this office for a reply concerning records available through the Freedom of Information Act.

We have had several previous FOIA requests for records concerning the late Virginia Hall Goillot, and we have released several OSS documents located by searching for those records indexed to her name. Although you mentioned that you already have those OSS documents, we are enclosing another set in the event that you do not have the complete set. These are the only releasable OSS records that were found under her name. It is possible, however, that additional OSS records exist that do not refer to her directly, but which involve activities she participated in and which could be of use to you. You may wish to contact Mr. John E. Taylor of the Modern Military Headquarters Branch of the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, DC for assistance. The Agency has been systematically reviewing its OSS holdings and turning the releasable ones over to NARA for permanent retention. A great many of these OSS records are now at NARA where they can be made available to researchers.

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With respect to records concerned with her later activities with the CIA, unfortunately, all records relating to her post-OSS career remain classified. It is extremely unlikely that any such

records that would be remotely useful to you in writing a book or a television documentary could be declassified or sanitized for release under the FOIA. We hope that the above will be helpful, however.

Sincerely,

John H. Wright  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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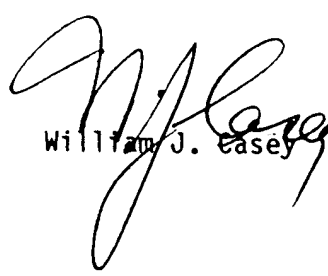
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For some reason your letter about Virginia Hall seems to have been misplaced and just came to my attention. I did know Virginia Hall, but only slightly. She was in Lyon as a New York Post reporter very early on, working for SOE. She came into OSS in 1944. We wouldn't send her back to France because she was too well known, but she was quite insistent on it. It was finally decided that if she learned to become a radio operator she could serve usefully in an unobtrusive way which would not jeopardize those with whom she worked. She accepted this and became a radio operator and was again dropped into France at about the time of the invasion.

I tell you all this from memory. She lived down in Maryland somewhere and I heard about two years ago that she had passed away. There are references to her in Michael Foote's book, SOE in France.

We have sent a lot of World War II records over to the Archives, and by copy of this letter I am asking the people in charge of that process to give you any guidance which may occur to them and also to tell you how to take whatever steps are necessary through the Freedom of Information Act.

Sincerely,

  
William J. Casey

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